

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council  
Tuesday, October 21, 2014  
Minutes

The October 21, 2014 meeting of the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) was called to order at 1:05 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Angele Ashley, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Ms. Kim Matherne, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid, Ms. Carynn Wiggins, Mr. Alan Young, and Ms. Amy Zapata. Lt. Chris Eskrew served as a proxy for Capt. Stacy Barrett. Senator Conrad Appel, Representative Regina Barrow, Representative Steve Carter, Mr. Carey Foy, Ms. Cindy Gonthier, Ms. Lois Jordan, and Mr. Albert Mancuso were absent

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jenna Conway, Lisa Brochard and Bridget Devlin.

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education members Ms. Connie Bradford and Ms. Carolyn Hill were present.

Public comments were received from Ms. Carolyn Hill and Mr. Wyatt Graves.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jenna Conway, LDE Assistant Superintendent.

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Jenna Conway provided a brief overview of the process for reviewing and approving bylaws.

- 1 On motion of Ms. Rushing, and seconded by Ms. Loar, the Council approved Article I of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws, as amended, to include the addition of *"including budget revisions"* in Article I, Section 2, and *"as well as other specific data and information set forth in Revised Statute 17:407.51(L)(1)-(8)"* in Article I, Section 4.
- 2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Burns, the Council approved Article II of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws as presented.
- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Buckelew, the Council approved Article III of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws as presented.
- 4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Loar, the Council approved Article IV of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws, as amended, to include *"to serve for a term of one year"* at the end of the first sentence in both Sections 1 and Section 2 of Article IV.

- 5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Polito, the Council approved Article V of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws, as amended, to include in Article V, Section 4, in reference to opportunity for public comment, “... shall be provided prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. However, comments may be restricted by the Chair or presiding officer as follows:.”
- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Recasner, the Council approved Article VI of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws as presented.
- 7 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Polito, the Council approved Article VII of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws as presented.
- 8 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council approved the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council bylaws, as amended.

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Alan Young nominated Cindy Rushing as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. Carole Elliot nominated Alan Young as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Ms. Cindy Rushing received eleven votes for chair. Mr. Alan Young received three votes for chair.

- 9 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Polito, the Council approved Ms. Cindy Rushing as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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Ms. Cindy Rushing called for nominations for Vice Chair. Melanie Bronfin nominated Mr. Alan Young.

- 10 On motion of Mr. Recasner, seconded by Ms. Bronfin, the Council deferred voting on a Vice Chair until the next Advisory Council meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Jenna Conway provided a presentation of the Early Childhood Policy Blueprint: Unifying the Early Childhood System in 2014-15.

11 On motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Polito, the Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Policy Blueprint: Unifying the Early Childhood System in 2014-15.

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12 On motion of Ms. Bronfin, and seconded by Mr. Smith, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the October 21, 2014 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.